The Examiner has required the election of a single species for prosecution on the merits. In compliance with the requirement, applicant elects to proceed with the prosecution of the species of Figure 1 (species A) which includes claims 1-7, 13, 14 and 16.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is generic to each of the species embodied in the remaining claims 8-12, 15 and 17-19, since each of these claims depends from claim 1. Thus, if claim 1 is allowed, each of its dependent non-elected claims will also be allowable.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 30882US1.

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